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RAILWAY HEADS SUMMONED FOR STRIKE PARLEY

Wilson Will Meet Road Presidents in New Effort to Avert Strike.

President Wilson summoned all the presidents of the great railway systems of the country to Washington yesterday afternoon, following the refusal of the chief executives of the railroads now here to accept his basis of settlement in the threatened strike.

It is expected more than 100 railroad presidents will be here by Tuesday. The President sent personal telegrams to fourteen of the most influential presidents not already here.

After his latest conference yesterday afternoon with the officials of the railroads, President Wilson issued an appeal to the country in an effort to influence a peaceful settlement of the controversy.

The President summed up his plan for a settlement by adoption of the eight-hour day by saying:

"It seems to me a thoroughly practical and entirely fair program, and I think the public has the right to expect its acceptance."

President Wilson had previously said to the railroad heads:

"If a strike comes, the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be upon me."

In case the President fails to convert the railroad presidents to his plan, it is confidently expected that he will call to Washington the boards of directors of the railroads and negotiate directly through them with the stockholders.

The situation is now regarded as having reached the most critical stage since the signs of unrest among the men first became apparent. The railroad heads were unshaken in their stand for arbitration. The union men are opposed to arbitrating the question of an eight-hour day.

The President told the railroad president:

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WOULD ARREST POLICE CHIEF

Julian Pierce, Socialist Orator, Seeks Warrant for Major Pullman.

Julian Pierce, Socialist orator, who was arrested last Wednesday night while speaking at Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue, declared last night it is his intention to apply for a warrant for the arrest of Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, for alleged violation of the same regulations under which Pierce will be brought to trial Tuesday morning.

Pierce refused to make any specific charges against Maj. Pullman, but at Socialist headquarters it was stated that workers were collecting evidence. The application for the warrant will be made, they said, some time Tuesday.

Maj. Pullman last night declined to be interviewed. He referred all questioners to the police regulations for answer. As far as could be learned, he has not made a street address.

The members of the Socialist party, it was stated by Pierce at headquarters, were, with a few exceptions, "backing him in his fight."

Surrounded by ten or more associates, he sat in the meeting-room of the organization's headquarters, 811 E street northwest, and laid plans for the fight in the Police Court. The room, with its long directors' table, a few chairs and a newspaper file, presented a busy aspect as the members hurried about with papers and books. The rustle of paper money and the jingle of coins could also be heard.

The room, according to Pierce, is known as the "war college." Here the members assemble to discuss topics of interest to the organization and those who further the cause.

Pierce said last night that he intended to make a fight of his case. The first question to be contested, he said, was one involving trial by jury. He said he would make a demand for such a trial. The rest of his battle will, he said, be upon the constitutionality of "free speech."

The Socialist party, according to Pierce, made an application for a renewal of the permit, but was rebuffed. He said the permit had been denied, pending the outcome of his case.

STEALS BLIND MAN'S BED.

And This, Too, When Sightless "Newsc" Had Lost Home.

Baltimore, Aug. 19.—The man who stole the penny from the blind man has a rival in this city. He is Edward Myers, who was before Justice Dawkins in the Western Police Court today on the charge of larceny.

James Allen, the blind "newsc" who stands at Baltimore and Calvert streets and who lives in the rear of Myers' home, had his belongings put on the street yesterday because he could not pay his rent. Some one came along and Myers sold the bed of the blind man for 40 cents.

HOT WAVE INCREASES PLAGUE IN NEW YORK

(By the International News Service.) New York, Aug. 19.—Thirty-six deaths—an increase of four over yesterday's total—and 134 new cases, as against 120 yesterday, was the toll of the infantile paralytic epidemic here during the last twenty-four hours. The return of the hot weather is believed responsible for the new jump in the figures.

The collecting of blood from recovered victims of the disease will begin in earnest next week. The Health Department will send physicians to the homes of the donors who offer blood for serum extractions. Out of fifteen persons who today offered blood, only ten were found to have had the disease, and only two were accepted, fourteen ounces being secured from them.

NEW YORK CARMEN MAY STRIKE TOMORROW

(By the International News Service.) New York, Aug. 19.—Unless the New York Railways Company accepts the demands of the street carmen's union, a general strike, involving all surface, elevated and subway systems of the city will be called possibly by Monday night.

Mayor Mitchell and Chairman Straus, of the Public Service Commission, both will start at once for New York, the former from Plattsburgh, the latter from Maine. They will endeavor to evolve some plan of settlement that will be more permanent than the one which brought last week's trouble to an end.

Meanwhile, the union stands firm upon its refusal to arbitrate.

UTAH CITIZENS MENACED BY PIUTE INDIAN TRIBE

(By the International News Service.) Cortez, Colo., Aug. 19.—Another Indian "war" like the ticklish chase for the Ne Gai last winter is in prospect at Bluff, Utah, the lonely Mormon settlement on the San Juan, in the "Four corners" country, according to reports brought here by packers and range riders.

As was the case before, Old Polk, father of the Ne Gai, also known as Hatch, is the trouble maker. His band of renegade Piutes, long defiant of all attempts to make them live on the southern Ute reservation in this section of Colorado, is behind him.

BRITISH AVIATORS FIRE FOE'S MUNITION STORES

(By the International News Service.) London, Aug. 19.—The British admiralty today reported a daring flight by naval aviators over Belgium which was made yesterday. Bombs were dropped on vast heaps of ammunition that the Germans had gathered, and fires were seen to break out.

The official admiralty statement follows: "Naval aviators yesterday dropped forty-eight bombs on enemy ammunition dumps at Lichterveld from an altitude of 2,000 feet. Large fires were observed. All the machines returned safely."

UNCLE'S MILLION DOLLAR ESTATE DWINDLES TO \$5

Special to The Washington Herald. Los Angeles, Aug. 19.—After journeying across the continent from her home at Monessen, Pa., to secure her deceased uncle's "fortune" of \$1,000,000, Mrs. A. T. Blush has left for home, satisfied that the fortune does not exist.

Inquiries at a local bank where Edwin Kerns, the uncle, was supposed to have had a safety deposit box containing the \$1,000,000, revealed the fact that Kerns had in September, 1915, withdrawn his valuables. Mrs. Blush will receive, it is said, about \$5 for her trouble.

LEAVES HIS SWIMMING TO TIE KNOT FOR PAIR

Special to The Washington Herald. New Rockford, N. D., Aug. 19.—Even the old "swimming hole" affords no harbor for a judge when a couple wishes to be married.

Judge Jackson was frolicking about in the Jim River, at a secluded spot, when he observed a messenger signaling to him. The judge found it was a case of "Cupid's business." Donning everything but his coat, collar and necktie, he hastened to his office, married the pair, extended congratulations, and in a half hour was at his swim again.

NO CONFIRMATION OF DEUTCHLAND'S ARRIVAL

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, Aug. 19.—Henry G. Hilken said today that he had not received any confirmation of the report published in the Neue Zeitung in Geneva, that the Deutschland had arrived in Bremen.

"I hope that it is true," said Mr. Hilken, "and shall be glad to announce the arrival of the Deutschland when I hear of it. It is quite likely that I would not hear for several days after the arrival of Capt. Koenig. Our cablegrams are censored by the English, and the wireless service is overworked and also censored. A wireless message is always likely to be held for two days before it is sent."

Sunday Outing to Atlantic City 12:00 Baltimore and Ohio, 7:15 a. m., Aug. 27. Returning leave Atlantic City 6:00 p. m.—Adv.

87.45 to Philadelphia and Return. Baltimore and Ohio, Aug. 21 and 22. Valid returning until 29th.—Adv.

WILSON READY TO QUIT MEXICO

Funston Reports That Pershing's Troops May Now Be Safely Withdrawn.

President Wilson has taken the first steps toward withdrawing Gen. Pershing's expeditionary force from Mexico.

High army officials predicted yesterday that all American troops would be out of Mexico by September 15.

The State Department asked the War Department on Friday to get a report from Gen. Funston as to whether Pershing's troops could be safely withdrawn from Mexico at the present time.

Gen. Funston replied Friday night that there was no longer any military necessity to hold the troops in Mexico.

Secretary Baker conferred with the President yesterday. He refused either to deny or confirm the report that the troops were to be withdrawn.

Leaving the White House, he said: "No orders for the withdrawal of the troops have been issued and none are in contemplation today."

Carranza has insisted that the first question to be considered by the joint border commission was the withdrawal of the American troops.

President Wilson insisted on broadening the scope of the commission's work, to include questions of finances, border patrol, and protection of American life and property.

The elimination of the main question, the settlement of which caused the suggestion of the appointment of the commission, leaves nothing but the secondary questions to be considered.

ASK PENSIONS FOR FIREMEN

Little Rock (Ark.) Firefighters Join in Fight for D. C. Legislation.

Away off in Little Rock, Ark., the firemen are watching the efforts of the District fire fighters to get an adequate pension law. Yesterday they sent a petition to Senator Robinson urging him to use his best efforts to have the La Follette amendment that is included in the District appropriation bill enacted into law.

The petition sets forth that the District firemen are not so well provided for in the matter of compensation for injuries received in the service or in pensions for veteran employees as those in other cities and requests that Congress remedy the inadequate existing law.

The petition is signed by Charles S. Hazen, C. A. Burns, Paul G. Woolery, A. E. Ray, B. S. Harmon, Joseph Carmichael, John F. Kerwin, J. C. Harper, Gus McDonald, T. W. Pate and J. H. Woodford.

Senator Robinson introduced the resolution in the Senate and it was referred to the District committee.

SAY AUSTRIANS LOOTED

Italians Declare Foe Robbed Gorizia Cathedral.

Rome, Aug. 19.—An official communique given out today says that the Austrians, before evacuating Gorizia, looted and devastated the museums, libraries and cultural institutions.

Among things removed are the Cathedral's treasure, which came from the Patriarch of Aquileia, as well as rare numismatic collections.

WARNED TO GET PASSPORTS.

Americans Visiting Australia Must Have Nationality Papers.

The State Department yesterday issued a warning to all Americans planning to visit Australia to be sure to obtain a passport. New and more rigid regulations will be enforced in Australia after September 1, it was announced, and it is absolutely necessary that all visitors there have passports.

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Japan Sees Menace in Naval Program of U. S.

(By the International News Service.) Tokio, Aug. 19.—Japan's leading newspapers today comment at length on the American naval program, showing they are deeply impressed, but stating that Japan is unable to compete with the United States, owing to the latter's "bottomless purse."

One paper advocates an American-Japanese convention similar to that recently negotiated by Japan and Russia. The nationalistic Kokumin sounds a warning, saying:

"Larger and speedier ships indicates that America contemplates a distant enemy."

LABOR OFFICIAL ATTACKS HUGHES

Union President Assails Candidate for Dining at Luncheon Served by "Scabs."

(By WILLIAM HOSMER. (International News Service.) San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 19.—Mr. Hughes' troubles multiplied. Facing a State-wide, and probably a Nation-wide Progressive revolt, the Republican candidate today was put in a position of flat antagonism to organized labor.

These were the days' significant problems.

Chester Rowell, Progressive leader and member of the Republican National Campaign Committee, denounced the Republican candidate for abandoning the Progressives of California to the old guard wolves.

While Rowell was giving a red-hot talk against Hughes at the Palace the standard bearer was the guest of honor at a luncheon in the Commercial Club which was served by strike-breakers after the regular club waiters had struck because of the institution's declaration in favor of the open shop.

Hugo Ernst, president of the Waiters' Union, put the matter squarely up to Hughes. The waiters walked out several hours before the luncheon. Thereupon the club officials wrote Ernst asking him to supply sixty-five waiters to serve the luncheon to the Republican Presidential candidates. In a letter declining to accede to the request, the union leader wrote:

"We thank you very much for your consideration in allowing our membership a chance to earn a few dollars, but inasmuch as you have ornamented your place with an open-shop card at the reception of the Restaurant Men's Association, with which you have no logical affiliation, we are forced to prohibit our

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PLAYGROUNDS NOT TO OPEN

Ruling by Superintendent Will Keep Sixty School Tracts Idle.

The playgrounds of the public schools of the District will not be thrown open to children this summer.

A ruling of Superintendent of Schools Ernest L. Thurston, just issued, puts an end to plans to open up the sixty school playgrounds for the use of Washington children during the summer months.

Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, superintendent of playgrounds, appealed to the Board of Education early in July to allow her to use these playgrounds, well located, provided with proper apparatus, and of no use to anyone during the school vacation period. They made no objection, leaving the matter to the superintendent of schools.

Mr. Thurston finally gave Mrs. Rhodes permission to use four of the school grounds, provided they be closed at 4 o'clock, when the school janitor left, and further restricting the use of the privilege.

These limitations made it impossible for Mrs. Rhodes to accept the offer, so the grounds will continue to lie idle while the thousands of children of the District must be taken care of in the best manner possible in the ten municipal playgrounds.

One more playground will be added this week, however. Mrs. Rhodes yesterday was in receipt of a letter from Brig. Gen. Timothy E. Wilcox, U. S. A., retired, stating that he had two vacant lots in Columbia road, near Eighteenth street, which he would be glad to have used as playgrounds, merely asking that they be kept in good condition.

By the middle of this week the new playground will be ready for service, according to the superintendent of playgrounds.

Burglar-Hero War Victim.

London, Aug. 19.—Private William Mariner, an ex-burglar, who won the Victoria Cross, has been killed in action during the recent British advance.

Attend the Great Rockville Fair August 22 to 24. Baltimore and Ohio. Round-trip 50 cents.—Adv.

RUSSIANS SWEEP TOWARD KOVEL

Break Through Teutonic Positions on Front Forty Miles Northeast of City.

(By the International News Service.) London, Aug. 19.—The battle for Kovel was resumed with full vigor during the last twenty-four hours, the Russians this time endeavoring to sweep down upon the Volhynian railway city from the northeast.

They succeeded, according to Petrograd, in breaking through the Teuton positions on the three-mile front between Tscherswitschke, on the eastern bank of the Stokhod, forty miles northeast of Kovel, and the village of Tobole, on the western bank of the river.

Tobole, the farm of Tschorsche, and a distillery fell into the hands of the attackers, who captured two officers and 200 men.

Berlin, in its official statement today, does not admit this reverse, but says that "local fighting continues" on both sides of the Rudka-Tscherswitschke sector. A renewal of the Russian attempt to break through Gen. von Linsingen's front and take Kovel is indicated by the German war office statement which says:

"On the Stokhod front the enemy has sensibly increased the artillery fire at several points."

In the Carpathians and in Transylvania, where furious battles are in progress between the Teuton right and the Russian left, the fortunes of battle are swaying back and forth, both sides officially claiming a success and admitting a reverse.

Vienna tonight concedes that "after fierce fighting," Gen. von Koevas' forces were compelled to withdraw from Zable to the Carpathian ridge Czerna-Hora, six miles to the west.

The ridge is flanked by two high mountains, the Koverla, 2,658 meters, to the north, and Popowan, 2,026 meters, to the south, the big guns on both favoring an Austrian stand on the ridge against the Muscovite onslaughts aimed at opening the gates to the Hungarian plain.

SHERMAN HITS AT GOMPERS

Renews Verbal Attack on Labor Leader, But Is Assailed by Senator Reed.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, occupied the front and center of the stage in the Senate yesterday, with Senator Reed, of Missouri, aligned on his side and Senator Sherman, of Illinois, renewing his attack made last Tuesday.

Senator Sherman denounced the labor leader as a public nuisance and a public peril and a distinct detriment to the advancement of organized labor.

He rehearsed the history of the McNamara dynamiters and read a letter from the labor chief showing that he had attempted to defend the McNamaras and had instigated the raising of \$100,000 to defend them because they were working in the interests of union labor.

Senator Sherman declared that Gompers did not represent the real union worker, and expressed a belief that the cause of organized labor would not advance unless it followed leaders who counseled conformity to the law and the adjudication of differences without recourse to politics or intimidation.

In defense of Gompers, Senator Reed said he was extremely sorry that men on the Senate floor were immune from actions for libel and slander, and added:

"There are men in this body who by their words and acts have not brought luster upon it, but only the most narrow and indecent man would say that such men represent the membership of the Senate."

AEROS BOMB VERTEKOP.

German and Bulgar Aviators Launch Fifth Raid.

Saloniki, Aug. 19.—German and Bulgarian aviators have bombed Vertekop for the fifth time. Bombs fell upon British ambulances and six persons were killed.

Nineteen British and French aeroplanes attacked Monastir on Friday, dropping eighty bombs upon the air station there with good results.

RAID NETS POLICE \$10,000.

Valuable Silverware, Watches, and Jewels Found Under Floor.

New York, Aug. 19.—Police ripped up the floor and unrolled rugs in a flat in Wales avenue, the Bronx, last night and recovered \$10,000 worth of silverware, watches and the jewels and two complete opium sets, said to be the booty of a Bronx burglar band.

Two women, a six-year old boy, a man and a French poodle were arrested. The dog had been stolen, the police say.

STORK NEGLECTS WHITE BABIES IN DAY'S VISIT

The stork, official messenger of happiness, circled Washington yesterday but made a race distinction in favor of the colored population, with the consequence that not a white birth was reported to the health department. There were only three births reported, two boys and a girl, all colored.

It is not often that the winged messenger makes such a distinction, and as a general rule the white "hopefuls" are well represented on the records.

SENATE TABLES PLAN TO PROBE LIVING COST

Senator Gallinger yesterday objected to the consideration of the Kenyon resolution providing for an investigation into the high cost of living in the District, and the measure was tabled indefinitely.

The Kenyon resolution is similar to that introduced by Representative Keating and provides that a commission shall investigate the cost of living, the minimum wage paid by commercial and industrial establishments, the general conditions under which the average wage earner lives and the question of whether a minimum wage law is desirable.

The purpose of the resolution was to provide data upon which to base a bill designed to provide a minimum wage law for the District.

GRAIN PRICE ADVANCE LEGAL, SAYS HURLEY

Chairman Hurley, of the Federal Trade Commission, yesterday afternoon reported to the commission that "the usual bullish activities" were the cause of the rapid rise of grain prices in the Chicago market.

He said his investigation in Chicago, earlier last week, had so far failed to show that illegal practices were resorted to.

Chairman Hurley said the proposed increase to 10 cents per bushel in the price of bread would bring also an increase in the size of the loaf, and that the commission would take no action in that phase of the cost increase.

CYCLING LADY GODIVAS STIRS TOWN TO PROTEST

Special to The Washington Herald. Racine, Wis., Aug. 19.—When beautiful damsels, with bathing caps instead of flowing locks, and filmy bathing suits instead of the alabaster skin tints of tradition, copied the story of Lady Godiva, with motorcycles instead of the storked white horse, the churchgoing people of Racine made an appeal to the police to stop the display.

The girls went in groups and from a slight distance any of the girls clad in the light-colored suits appeared to be flying nude figures, the churchgoing folk say. The bath houses lack capacity to care for the numbers who wish to swim, say the girls, so their only recourse is to "dress" at home.

BABY SON OF GROCER WILL BE MILLIONAIRE

Special to The Washington Herald. Greenwich, Conn., Aug. 19.—William J. Smith Cary, the 2-year-old son of Thos. F. Cary, a grocer here, will receive more than \$1,000,000 from the estate of his grandfather, William J. Smith, when he reaches his majority, according to a final distribution in the Probate Court.

The child's share now is \$28,225.68. Mary Smith Woodcock, wife of Arthur Woodcock, a daughter of the testator, will get \$246,250.88. The bulk of the estate, which is valued at \$1,190,740.14, was left in trust for Mrs. Woodcock and the Cary baby.

SOCIALISTS WOULD AID IN DANISH ISLES SALES

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Copenhagen, Aug. 19.—The Socialist party adopted in caucus today a resolution expressing its willingness to be represented in a coalition cabinet in order not to prevent the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

It was stipulated, however, that this action would be taken only on condition that the home and foreign defense policy should remain unchanged.

As the opposition, the Conservative and Left parties are unwilling to accept this condition this means that a coalition ministry is impossible.

RAISE GIVEN PASTOR TO BUY "GAS" FOR CAR

Special to The Washington Herald. Stockton, Cal., Aug. 19.—Recently the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church presented their pastor, the Rev. E. V. Stivers, who came here from McMinnville, Ore., with an automobile. Now it has unanimously issued a call for him for the ensuing church year and increased his salary.

"If a preacher is given an automobile it is no more than right he should be given gasoline money also," said one of the trustees.

\$12.00 to Niagara Falls and Return Baltimore and Ohio, 7:45 a. m., August 25. Tickets valid for return within 15 days. Through trains of Parlor Cars and Coaches with Luncheon Car from Philadelphia via Lehigh Valley. Liberal stop-overs returning. Similar excursion Sept. 8 and 21, Oct. 6.—Adv.

BRITISH BATTER TEUTONIC LINES NORTH OF SOMME

Gen. Haig Advances Half Way to Ginchy and to Edge of Guillemont.

(By the International News Service.) London, Aug. 19.—With huge numbers of men, the British today continued the tremendous attack on the Germans north of the Somme which commenced yesterday and was sustained without a moment's intermission throughout the night.

In his dispatch late tonight, General Haig announces that the important ridge southeast of Thiepval has been carried and that the British lines have been advanced half way to Ginchy, as well as to the edge of Guillemont.

German prisoners so far brought in number nearly 1,000.

The grand attack, which began on a front of twelve and a half miles, was concentrated on the eight-mile line from the Thiepval to a point below Guillemont.

The French corps, whose front joins up with the British near the latter place, contented themselves during the day with consolidating the terrain won in the fighting of yesterday and last night and in driving the Germans from a trench element north of Maurepas, where they had gained a foothold in a night counter-attack.

It is reported that Canadian and Australian troops bore the brunt of the fighting, with support by Irish corps and the men of Kitchener's army. Their gains may be listed as follows:

1.—On a two-mile front from the High Wood to the junction with the French, the British pushed forward from 300 to 600 yards. Their greatest gain was approximately one-third of a mile in depth. This gain brought them to the outskirts of Guillemont and put them in possession of the orchards north of Loureval.

2.—North of the High Wood, as far as the Bapaume highroad, they seized a German trench, about 100 yards in length.

ALLIES GAIN IN NEAR EAST

Entente Troops Capture Another Village in Drive Into Greek Macedonia.

(By the International News Service.) Saloniki, Aug. 19.—Entente troops have captured another village and height in their campaign against the German and Bulgarian forces in Greek Macedonia. An official statement given out by the general staff in command of allied operations says:

"The allied forces came into close contact with the Bulgarian and German on the whole front west of Lake Doiran. They violently bombarded the enemy's position, which they now surround more closely."

"After violent hand-to-hand fighting, the British troops captured a height near the village of Doidhele, on Lake Doiran. On the Struma the French troops, who a few days previously had occupied the villages of Patka, Palmis, Sigovo and Maritza, have captured the village of Porog-Le-Haut, at the foot of Mount Belasica."

"The left wing of the Serbian army is bringing in the scouting forces which had been maintained in the Florina districts to prevent smuggling and spies. A strong counter-attack by the Bulgarians is being organized from Florina. Towards Banica the fighting continues."

"On the right bank of the Vardar the enemy bombarded our positions. In the rocky region north of Lake Ostrovo they tried without success local attacks against the Franco-Serbian troops."

"At Ijzmesca the enemy continues his operations feeling out our positions."

"The enemy progressed in the free region of Demir-Hisar until he reached our advanced positions."

THREATEN HIGHER CAR FARES.

Traction Officials Say Cost of Operation Has Increased.

Denver, Aug. 19.—The possibility of higher street car and interurban fares for every city in the country, as a result of the increased cost of materials used in traction operations, was not scoffed at by officials of the local lines when they declared today that their operating expenses have gone up from 12 to 30 per cent in the last five years.

The increased carfares would affect every street car and interurban system in the country, as all of them have experienced the same higher cost of doing business.